



Requirements for applications in the Wildfire Management Overlay

Planning fact sheet

What effect does the Wildfire Management Overlay have?

On land subject to the WMO a permit is required to subdivide land or to construct a building or construct or carry out works associated with the following uses:

Accommodation (includes Dwelling)	Child care centre
Education centre	Hospital
Industry	Place of assembly
Retail premises	Timber production

However, this does not apply to:

- An alteration or extension to an existing building being used for accommodation less than 50% of the floor area of the existing building.
- A building or works with a floor area of less than 100m² ancillary to a dwelling not used for accommodation.

Application requirements

A detailed application will ensure minimal delays through the planning approvals process, it will also ensure that the best development is achieved for the site.

The information required in the WMO should be addressed in your application including that you must demonstrate that all fire protection requirements for water supply, access, buildings and works, vegetation and any other matter is considered as appropriate.

Permit applications should also complete the CFA's Applicant's Kit (available by using the following weblink) and submit it to Council with their application :

http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/documents/wmo_applicants_kit.pdf

Who assesses the report

In accordance with the provisions of the overlay, Council is required to refer permit applications to the CFA. The CFA may consent to the application, consent subject to conditions or object to the granting of a planning permit. If the CFA objects to the permit, Council must refuse to grant a permit.

Further information

If you should have any queries regarding this overlay, please contact Council's Planning Department.

If you would like further information on building and living in bushfire prone areas and fire management, please contact the CFA on telephone 1800 240 667, or visit the following websites:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au

www.dse.vic.gov.au

The Wildfire Management Overlay (WMO) applies to land within the municipality where the intensity of wildfire is significant and has been assessed as likely to pose a threat to life and property. The WMO is used to ensure that any development includes specified fire protection measures and does not significantly increase the threat to life and property from wildfire.



Note: A pre application meeting is encouraged